

Water Socket
E. P. A.
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Re: Written comments for Socket ID# EPA-R03-OW-2010-0736

Dear Sirs,

I have been a dairy farmer in Rockingham County for 36 years. I have seen many changes in farming during that time. I have made many changes myself during that time. I became concerned in the '80s about losing soil off of my farm. I have also since that time been concerned about high phosphorus levels in the soil. I am concerned that the proposed E.P.A. mandates do not take into account all that has been done in the prior twenty years. I know from experience how hard it is to reduce phosphorus levels on a dairy farm. I feel this is something that cannot be done in a short time. My concern is that if these mandates are put in place as law - it will be economically impossible to continue to farm. If farmers are forced from the land it most likely will be developed which is inherently more polluting than farm land. I am of the Mennonite faith and do not accept government cost share. Thank you for considering our pleas.

Sincerely, Kenneth B Knucely

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